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SUBJECT: JUNE ELECTIONS DO NOT APPEAR LIKELY

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1. AT APRIL 27 WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE, PM TRUDEAU ALL BUT RULED OUT POSSIBILITY OF JUNE ELECTIONS. HE INDICATED THAT PARLIAMENT SHOULD SIT FOR AT LEAST "A FEW MORE DAYS" TO HANDLE SOME PENDING LEGISLATION. PREVIOUS DAY, HOUSE LEADER ALLAN MAC EACHEEN HAD MADE SIMILAR POINT, NOTING THAT HOUSE COULD BE KEPT OCCUPIED WITH IMPORTANT BUSINESS, E.G., BILL ALLOWING PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AGAINST RCMP. TRUDEAU INDICATED THAT, IF HE DECIDES ELECTIONS SHOULD NOT BE BEFORE THE FALL, HE WILL MAKE A PUBLIC STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF TRADITIONAL 60-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN ELECTION CALL AND ELECTION DAY (REFTEL), EARLY JULY NOW SEEMS MOST LIKELY TIME FOR ELECTIONS, IF THEY ARE TO BE HELD BEFORE FALL.

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3. ELECTIONS MUST BE ON MONDAY (OR FOLLOWING DAY IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY). JULY 3 IS CANADIAN HOLIDAY (CANADA DAY) SO ELECTIONS WOULD BE ON JULY 4. ALTHOUGH POSSIBLE, THIS DATE IS NOT IDEAL SINCE LONG WEEKEND WOULD TAKE CANADIAN MINDS (AND BODIES) AWAY FROM CAMPAIGN. JULY 10 IS MORE LIKELY DATE. LATER IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY SINCE PUBLIC WILL HAVE DEPARTED EN MASSE FOR VACATION.

4. LIBERAL FOOT DRAGGING ON ELECTIONS HAS KEPT RUMOR  
MILLS HERE ACTIVE FOR PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MOST CREDIBLE  
STORY IS THAT LIBERALS ARE POLLING VERY POORLY IN METRO-  
TORONTO AREA AND TOP LIBERAL STRATEGISTS WANT DELAY FOR  
POSSIBLE UP-TURN IN CRUCIAL TORONTO AREA. ENDERS

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